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For: NANOCOMPOSITES OF ELASTOMER	)	
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INTERCALATED CLAY PREPARED BY AN	)	
AQUEOUS MEDIUM WITH	)	
FUNCTIONALIZED ELASTOMER	)	
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## **AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

## Dear Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Official Action dated September 30, 2003, no paper number given, please make the following amendments in order to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the Applicants' invention.